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(SESSION NO. 2), JANUARY 17, 1974

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### 1. SUMMARY:

UN POLAD GORGE HAS PROVIDED DETAILS OF JANUARY 17 CLERIDES-DENKTASH MEETING. ATMOSPHERE WAS CORDIAL AND CONSTRUCTIVE. DISCUSSION OF POWERS OF CENTRAL GOVERNMENT AWAITING ARRIVAL OF EXPERTS. DENKTASH OFFERED TO CHECK OUT WITH TURKISH ARMY PLAN FOR RETURN OF 10,000 GREEK CYPRIOTS TO AREA NORTHWEST OF DHEKELIA SBA. CLERIDES PROPOSED PLAN FOR WHAT AMOUNTS TO PROVISIONAL REOPENING OF NICOSIA AIRPORT; "ADVANCE PLAN" FOR CLEANING UP AIRPORT ALSO IN WORKS. HUMANITARIAN SUBCOMMITTEE BEGINS OPERATION JANUARY 20. END SUMMARY.

2. THERE WAS NO DISCUSSION OF FUNCTIONS AND POWERS OF CENTRAL GOVERNMENT IN FEDERAL STATE AT TODAY'S MEETING. BOTH SIDES AGREED TO AWAIT ARRIVAL OF CONSTITUTIONAL EXPERTS. THERE WAS ALSO NO DISCUSSION ON SEA PORTS.

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3. SUBJECT OF EVACUATION OF TURKISH CYPRIOT REFUGEES FROM EPIS-

KOPI SBA CAME UP BUT, ACCORDING TO UN POLAD, DID NOT BECOME POINT OF CONTENTION, AS MIGHT HAVE BEEN EXPECTED. ALTHOUGH CLERIDES DID NOT MAKE DIRECT REQUEST FOR QUID PRO QUO, DENKTASH VOLUNTEERED TO DISCUSS WITH TURKISH ARMY PLAN WHEREBY APPROXIMATELY 10,000 GREEK CYPRIOTS WOULD BE PERMITTED TO RETURN TO THEIR HOMES IN THE AREA OF ATHIENOU VILLAGE (NORTHWEST OF BRITISH SBA DHEKELIA) IN NEAR FUTURE. TWO FORMULATIONS POSSIBLE THIS REGARD: 1) TURKISH ARMY WOULD WITHDRAW TO NEW LINE ABOVE ATHIENOU, THEREBY EFFECTIVELY JOINING AREA VACATED WITH GREEK CONTROLLED TERRITORY; OR 2) TURKISH ARMY WOULD HOLD PRESENT LINE BUT PERMIT GREEK CYPRIOTS TO MOVE BACK INTO AREA UNDER TURKISH ADMINISTRATION. IN EITHER CASE UNITED NATIONS WOULD POLICE AND VERIFY. UNPOLAD STATED THAT UN IS READY TO HELP CARRY OUT EITHER PLAN.

4. DENKTASH HAS RESPONSIBILITY FOR DISCUSSING ABOVE WITH HIS HIGHER AUTHORITIES AND IS TO REPLY ON JANUARY 20.

5. AS SWEETENER, CLERIDES SAID THAT HE WOULD BE WILLING TO COOPERATE IN ALLOWING UN TO DRIVE PERSONAL VEHICLES LEFT BY TURKISH CYPRIOTS ON WSBA NORTH TO TURKISH CONTROLLED AREA, "IN EFFORT TO MINIMIZE LOSSES OF EVACUATED TURKISH CYPRIOTS." IT WAS UNDERSTOOD THAT SUCH COOPERATION WOULD BE CONTINGENT UPON ATHENIOU MOVE.

6. CLERIDES SUGGESTED FOLLOWING STEPS BE TAKEN IMMEDIATELY WITH REGARD TO REOPENING OF NICOSIA INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT: (1) IMMEDIATE REPAIR OF RUNWAY; (2) ACTIVATION OF JOINTLY OPERATED FIR ARLNG LINES AGREED UPON IN PREVIOUS MEETINGS INCLUDING EMPLOYMENT OF GREEK CYPRIOT AND TURKISH CYPRIOT PERSONNEL, ICAO SUPERVISION, AND "BRITISH EXPERTISE"; AND (3) INITIAL OPERATION TO BE CONFINED TO UN SUPPLY AIRCRAFT. IF THIS THREE-STEP PROPOSAL ACCEPTED, ACCORDING TO CLERIDES' PRESENTATION, QUESTION OF REOPENING AIRPORT TO ALL TRAFFIC WOULD BE SUBJECT OF FURTHER POLITICAL DISCUSSIONS IN PRESENCE OF CONSTITUTIONAL EXPERTS. QUESTION OF PROPORTION OF TURKISH CYPRIOTS TO GREEK CYPRIOTS IN FIR OPERATION WAS FINESSED AT TODAY'S MEETING.

7. TWO SIDES ALSO DISCUSSED A PARALLEL PLAN, DEVISED BY BRITISH, WHICH COULD BE PUT IN OPERATION NEXT WEEK. THIS WOULD HAVE UN TAKING STEPS TO REMOVE DEBRIS FROM AIRPORT AREA, CHECK LIGHTING  
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AND COMMUNICATION SYSTEMS, CARRY OUT BOMB DISPOSAL AND REMOVE DAMAGED CYPRUS AIRWAYS PLANES FROM RUNWAY. THIS ADVANCE PLAN WAS PUT TO DENKTASH. IF HIS REPLY JANUARY 20 IS POSITIVE, UN PERSONNEL WITH BRITISH ASSISTANCE COULD IMPLEMENT PLAN AS EARLY AS JANUARY 21.

8. MEMBERS OF HUMANITARIAN SUB-COMMITTEE (FOUR ON EACH SIDE) WILL BE ANNOUNCED WITHIN NEXT TWO DAYS. COMMITTEE CHAIRED BY

UNPOLAD GORGE AND INCLUDES CYPRUS DIRECTOR UNHCR (KELLY) AND  
CYPRUS DIRECTOR ICRC (ZUGGER).

9. DOME HOTEL CONTINUES TO BE SOURCE OF EMBARRASSMENT TO DENK-  
TASH WHO CLAIMS HE IS WORKING TO "SOME EFFECT", HAVING MANAGED  
TO CLEAR RESETTLED TURKISH CYPRIOTS OUT OF FOUR HOMES BELONGING  
TO DOME INCARCEREES.

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